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Maria Latham, Treasurer Tarrant County Republican Victory Fund 500 Jones Street Euless, TX 76040

Identification Number:

C00116038

Reference:

Mid-Year Report (1/1/99-6/30/99)

Dear Ms. Latham:

This letter is to inform you that as of February 23, 2000 the Commission has not received your response to our request for additional information, dated February 3, 2000. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act), please respond to this request (copy enclosed).

If no response is received within fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice, the Commission may choose to initiate audit or legal enforcement action.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Angel Williamson on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 or our local number (202) 694-1130.

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John D. Gibson

Assistant Staff Director Reports Analysis Division

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Bobby Cook, Treasurer Tarrant County Republican Victory Fund P.O. Box 745 Fort Worth, TX 76101

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Mid-Year Report (1/1/99-6/30/99)

Dear Mr. Cook:

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This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

On Schedule H1 of your report, you have counted too many points in the Ballot Composition box for state and local party committees. Please refer to the instructions on the back of the Schedule H1 noting that a committee may not take more than the number of points printed on each line. Please amend your report to include a corrected Schedule H1 and note that a change in this ratio may make it necessary to repay your non-federal account for any overpayments they may have made. While the Commission may take further legal action concerning any impermissible overpayments by the non-federal account, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

-Schedule H4 discloses a disbursement(s) which is categorized as a fundraising expense(s); however, a Schedule H2 has not been filed to disclose the allocation ratio. All committees are required to allocate the direct costs of each fundraising event in which the committee collects both federal and non-federal funds. The costs are allocated according to the funds received ratio and reported on Schedule H2. 11 CFR §§106.5(f) and 106.6(d). Please file a Schedule H2 to disclose the ratio for the fundraising event(s).

-Your report discloses limited payments for administrative expenses. Each committee utilizing separate federal and non-federal accounts is required to

allocate any administrative expenses between the accounts in proportion to the BALLOT COMPOSITION METHOD derived from FEC Schedule H1. A Schedule H1 must be filed with the first FEC FORM 3X filed at the beginning of each two-year cycle. 11 CFR §106.5(d)

Any goods or services provided to your committee by a person, except volunteer activity (i.e., a person's time), would be considered an in-kind contribution from that person, and would be subject to the disclosure requirements of 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(3) and 11 CFR §104.13, and the limitations and prohibitions of 2 U.S.C. §\$441a and 441b.

Clarification regarding administrative expenses should be disclosed during each two year election cycle beginning with the first report filed in the non-election year. Please provide the necessary information regarding administrative expenses incurred by your committee and/or amend your report to disclose such expenses according to the referenced provisions of the Act and Commission Regulations.

-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Contributions from political committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule A, supporting Line 11(c) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions contained on the forms to determine the proper categorization when preparing your next filing.

-All reports must bear an original signature of the treasurer or designated agent. Filing a photocopy of your report does not fulfill this requirement. Please file a report bearing an appropriate original signature. 2 U.S.C. §434(a)(1) and 11 CFR §104.14

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

Angel L. Williamson

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